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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Plans

REFERENCE



Subject: Senior Operations Seminar

1. I am favorably impressed with the concept of the course proposed in referent memorandum, and would encourage its initiation. I note the possibilities implicit in Paragraph I-E of the attachment to your memorandum (i. e., the idea of your getting a feedback on specific problems). This is assuredly a tantalizing thought, but it might well generate a dilemma of some proportions, since the best answer to your stated problem in any field would perforce come from those students most experienced in that field; on the other hand, they would thus spend their time on tasks from which they would gain little in terms of training.

2. If I were to raise any further questions about the proposed course, it would be to ask whether its scope is not rather wide and deep for coverage in the suggested 6-8 weeks; for example, paragraph I B:

"To gain understanding of contemporary domestic and foreign political, social, economic, scientific and psychological trends influencing operational and planning decisions at headquarters and overseas stations."

If my question is valid, some thought might be given to ensuring that a prerequisite for this course be prior completion of appropriate management course(s).

3. In connection with Paragraph I D, I would be glad to contribute any required material or time to an exposition of the SIGINT portion of the intelligence community.



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